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# Pipeline Application/Regulatory Process

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# GOM Production

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- 0.9 MMBOPD in 1995
- Up to 1.8 MMBOP Projected by 2003
- 13 BCFPD in 1995
- Up to 17 BCFD Projected by 2003
- Production 22% of US oil and 27% gas

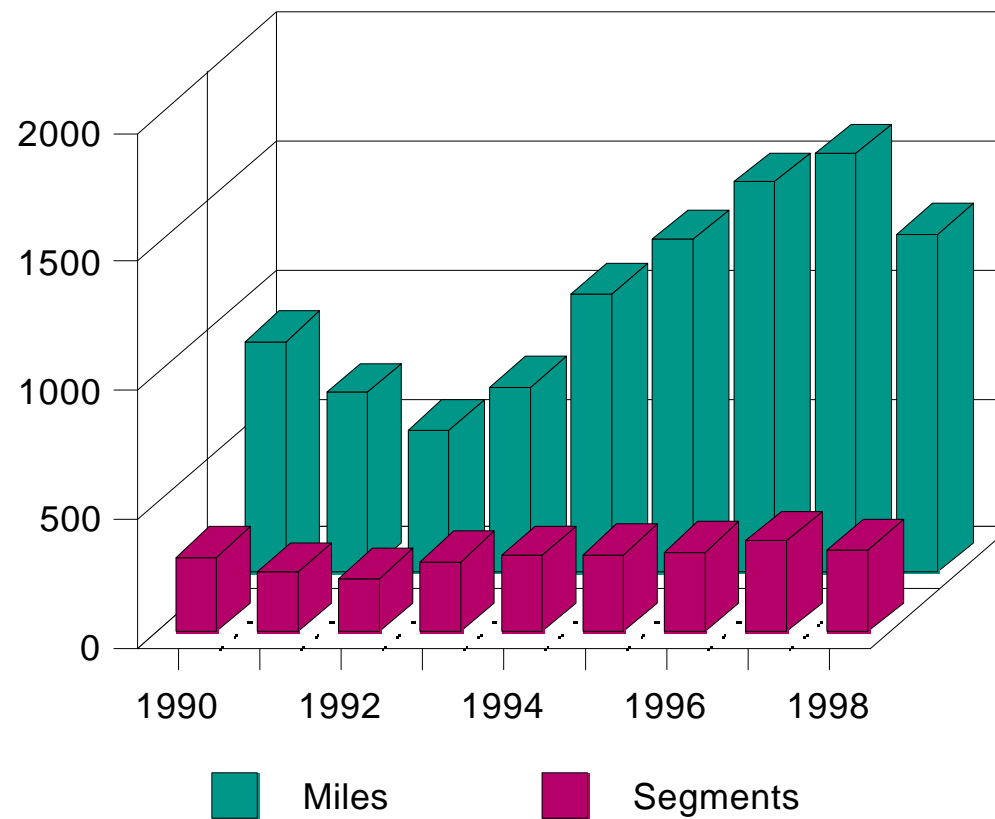
# Pipeline Infrastructure

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- 28,085 total miles of pipelines
- From 1995 to 1998 MMS approved 5,747 miles
- 1,627 miles approved in 1997 (record)
- 17 major lines to shore/state waters from 1994 to 1998

# Pipelines Approved

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# Overview

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- MMS Pipeline Application Review
- New Technologies/Procedures
- Application Coordination

# MMS Application Review Process

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- Technical
  - » Pipeline Design
  - » Installation
  - » Operation
- Environmental
  - » Biological
  - » Water Quality
  - » Socioeconomic
  - » Archaeology, etc

# New Technologies/Standards

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- Regulatory Flexibility
  - » Alternate compliance
- Deepwater Operation Plans
  - » Approval prior to submitting application
- Standards
  - » Update industry standards

# Application Coordination

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- Fish & Wildlife and National Marine Services
- Department of Transportation
  - » MOU updated recently
- Corps of Engineers
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- States



# Closing

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- MMS regulations provide for regulatory flexibility
- Established pipeline review/coordination process